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SMUGGLING LEAD ORES.

From the Mining and Scientific Press.

For some months the attention of the lead miners of the United States has been turned to the Mexican border, where lead ores are being brought into this country without paying any duty. The question is a very important one to western mining and smelting men. The traffic is carried on under a raling of the secretary of the treasury to the effect that the duty, if any, is paid on the predominating metal in the ore. The silver ore comes in free of duty, so as long as the ore contains more in value in silver than in lead, then the lead in it pays no duty. In this way large quantities of lead ore are coming in free to the great detriment of the American lead producers.

We had a conversation this week with Fran C. Michels, statistician of the committee on mines and mining, of the United States senate, who is on this coast engaged in investigations concerning alien ownership of mines. He spoke of this subject of smuggling of lead ores, it being one to which he had given considerable attention.

He says the smuggled lead ores come in by way of Nogales, Arizona Territory, Laredo, Texas, and Eagle Pass, Texas. The lead ore is conveyed by one car of silver ore, say as one to nine—nine cars of lead ore to one car of high silver ore. Under the direction and instruction of the secretary of the treasury all of the ore having its chief value in silver, comes in free, no matter how much lead, copper or any other metal it contains.

"The ores from Mexico very often contain from 40 to 60 per cent of lead ore, and from 8 to 15 per cent of silver ore, on which freight as well as ten per cent loss, are charged against the lead ore. In this way all the charges are made against the lead ore, none against the silver, thus reducing the value of the lead ore materially and correspondingly increasing the value of silver ore. They have erected two smelting works at El Paso, Texas, and one at Nogales, and the ores containing higher grades of lead and silver are shipped to Kansas City, Denver and Omaha for smelting. As much as 4,000 tons of lead have been brought over or smuggled in in one month. The Mexican government is very much opposed to this kind of smuggling, preferring to have the ores smelted in Mexico, and are anxious to sell the lead. They are willing to aid the United States government to suppress this traffic. The Utah, Montana and Idaho lead miners are those who suffer the most."

We called Mr. Michels' attention to a statement made by the Denver Weekly Republican, that the ruling of the treasury department upon the admission of silver bearing lead ores had been brought to the attention of the judiciary committee of the senate, of which Senator Edmunds is chairman, and that this committee reported that the ruling is in accordance with the statutes. Mr. Michels says: "The Denver Republican is in error about it. Senator Stewart of Nevada some time ago introduced a resolution in the senate asking why lead ores bearing silver ore come free. This resolution was referred to the judiciary committee of which Senator Edmunds did not give an opinion as chairman of that committee, but addressed a letter to the secretary of the treasury asking his opinion. In response the secretary of the treasury wrote to Senator Edmunds informing him that the ruling of the department is that lead ore containing silver ore of greater value than the lead ore shall be considered as silver ore and be admitted free. This letter Senator Edmunds indorsed as his opinion also."

"It is decidedly not in accordance with the statutes. On the contrary, the United States statutes expressly provide that on ore not otherwise provided for in the metal schedule of the tariff, a duty of 25 per cent ad valorem shall be levied."

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JOSIE OWEN.
Montpelier, Ohio.

A recent letter from Major Powell to Prof. Carrara, of this city, says that S. F. Emmons, the great scientist, will soon make a report on the geological formation of southern New Mexico. Such a survey is much needed and would do more than anything else to advertise our great mineral resources.—Republican.

THE GENERAL MANAGER IN HIS OFFICE.

From the Milwaukee Sentinel.

The general manager of a great railway is absolute in his realm. You may meet him on the street, or in a hotel, or almost anywhere and declare he is the most affable, agreeable, angelic character ever known in the history of a people who all want office, and who can't get office without friends. Mr. General Manager is affable, agreeable and angelic in his office—with newspaper men.

Take a day off and try and see him there during business hours.

The offices of Mr. General Manager for one of the really great railway systems consist of an outer office next to an inner office adjoining a secretary's office attached to a secretary's private office, which leads to Mr. Manager's outer office in front of his private office, which connects with a room that among well-posted railway men is known as "the d-d private office." What happens there may be known in the next world. The public is not supposed to and does not know in this.

This is your first visit, and you tell the elevator lad in the gentle, yet dignified tone of one in authority that you are going to the office of the general manager. You pronounce General Manager in that big G and in style out of respect to yourself. The boy smiles. Other people have gone to the general manager's via that "d-d" elevator which impressed the boy more favorably than you do. The boy empties you on the right floor, and you open the door and stand on the outside of a railing in the august presence of a young gentleman with his hair combed pompadour and an odor of dead cigarettes lingering about his immediate vicinity. You ask meekly: "Is the general manager in?"

He answers abruptly: "I don't know."

This is unexpected. You hadn't imagined when you asked the question the possibility of his being out. You stand still, like the greenhorn that you are, and expect in some way that young gentleman will interest himself in ascertaining. He proceeds with his work. After a period of time which is based entirely upon your disposition to remain idle till you starve to death, you venture to inquire: "Will you please ascertain if he is in?"

He bows, steps across the room, and a gentleman who has somewhat the appearance of a country merchant comes over and asks what can I do for you?

"Are you the general manager?"

"Do you want to see the general manager?"

"If you please."

"Your name, please."

You give him a card, if you have one, and your name if you haven't, and he retires to the next room. Presently he returns and you are advanced three degrees, and are escorted to the chair of the private secretary, who will size you up quicker than Lamont can a Missouri democrat, who will give you further instructions. To him you will convey the information that you desire to see the general manager, together with why you want to see him, and for how long you want to see him. The secretary withdraws into the room adjoining, you wait and wonder until you finally suspect that every train in the system has been wrecked and every employee of the road has been called to the scene. Just as you are about to make a quiet sneak out, the secretary reappears and pronounces judgement. If you or your business is worth it you are told that you can see the general manager in a given length of time.

You serve out this term and pass within the sacred portals. There are no luxuriant divans and velvet carpets and tables spread with tempting viands in the way of unexpected hospitality. The general manager stands and smiles and asks: "What do you want?"

He always smiles. He smiles like his trains are always run on schedule time. He knows what you want. His secretary has told him and he has decided his answer. Perhaps you get it and perhaps you don't. If there is anything in it for the company, you do. Otherwise you don't. General managers are not paid \$25,000 to \$50,000 a year to give the company the worst of it. You get out so quick that you are in some doubt as to the result, and when you reach the elevator you involuntarily tell the elevator boy, "clear down."

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New Mexican: There are indications of considerable activity in Santa Fe coal fields this spring.

NEWS NUGGETS.

Various Items of News Gathered from Our Exchanges and other Sources.

St. John's Herald: If some one, so viciously inclined would ship west from Albuquerque, a keg of whiskey properly diluted with strychnine, he would certainly rid the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company of so small number of pilfering employees, and thereby do a God's service to those persons who are forced to ship over this road, fruits, candies, or liquors, either per express or freight; and more particularly so, between Navajo and Albuquerque. The officials of the Atlantic and Pacific are respectfully requested to note this item.

Raton Independent: The amount so far subscribed to run the public school is a little more than \$300 per month. The expenses foot up \$400 per month. The school board is in debt to the teachers about \$300. That is the situation.

Senator Kenna, after a long fight has been re-elected senator of West Virginia.

Optic: Up in the northern part of the city, in a place so situated that the sun in winter never shines upon it, the water main, of two inch pipe, was found frozen solid at a depth of two feet and a half. Such is the report of the plumber.

James C. Flood died in Heidelberg last Wednesday.

New Mexican: Gov. Ross passed a creditable examination in open court this morning for admission to the bar. His committee on examination were J. P. Victory, P. L. Vanderveer and Gen. Bartlett, who reported favorably, whereupon the governor signed the roll of attorneys and was duly sworn in as one of the legal fraternity.

Tucson Citizen: A genuine camel was caught one day last week by Dennis Madison near the ranch of Col. Lewis Wolfley in the vicinity of Gila Bend. It was a large one, measuring over nine feet in height. It is supposed to be a stray from the old herd that has been roaming over the deserts of Arizona and California. These camels were brought to this country many years ago for the purpose of carrying freight from Lugo, California, to Carson, Nevada, and proving a failure were turned loose and have been at large ever since. Col. Wolfley says he is fixed now for a trip up Salt River should he get left for governor.

Prospector: North of Prescott 600 miles lies a country almost entirely unprospected. Recently some miners from Utah came through that region and made the discovery of ancient villages, petrified forests, inland lakes and a country covered with nutritious grasses, where many buffalo, elk and deer were seen. A tribe of Indians, unlike any of the wild sons of the forest were found here who were amazed and bewildered at the sight of a white man. Their dialect is unlike any of the roaming tribes and their dress is composed principally of metal plates.

Optic: According to the poem when the lover went to weep over his dead sweetheart, and drew from the breast of the corpse the locket which had formerly held his miniature, great was his surprise to find the likeness of another occupying the place which had so long been his own. "One nail drives out another," was all he said. The feelings of a certain citizen of East Las Vegas were not so complacent the other night, when he was compelled to arise from the couch and companion he had selected, and give place to one claiming a better right.

The drifted snow on the line of the D. T. & Ft. W. railway caused a considerable delay in all trains from last Friday night until Monday. On Monday two engines with a powerful snow plow attached to one of them passed here going up the road, which is a pretty good indication that the company intend to keep the track clear in the future.—Clayton Enterprise.

Stockman: Assemblyman Flinn from Apache county has introduced a bill making it a misdemeanor to carry concealed weapons of any kind in this territory. The bill is a good one, but its scope should be enlarged. It should be made a misdemeanor to carry fire arms, whether concealed or not, in any village, town or city. If this was done "shooting up towns" would be a thing of the past.

Democrat: The private express line in Lincoln county must be a regular mint to its proprietor, Ozane & Co. They charge at the rate of from \$10 to \$16 a hundred on express matter.

Stockman: The sheriffs of the several counties of Arizona are to hold a meeting in Phoenix, and a report comes from the Garden city that the legislators are hieing themselves to the alfalfa fields.

The Maxwell land grant company has received 20,000 pounds of alfalfa seed, and intends to seed down 1,000 acres this spring.

Nearly every town in the territory claims to be on the eve of a boom.

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